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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIALS PERMITTED DIRECT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN  
JOURNALISTS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECREE OF PRESIDUM OF SUPREME  
SOVIET REGARDING CONTACTS BETWEEN SOVIET OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN  
JOURNALISTS. DECREE WAS PUBLISHED IN JULY 7 ISSUE (NO. 27) OF USSR  
SUPREME SOVIET GAZEETE.

2. QUOTE: CONCERNING THE MATTER OF CONTACTS OF MINISTRIES AND  
DEPARTMENTS OF THE USSR AND UNION REPUBLICS, CENTRAL ORGANS OF  
PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR PERSONNEL WITH FOREIGN JOURNALISTS -  
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THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR DECREES:

IN ADDITION TO THE DECREE OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR OF 16 DECEMBER 1947 "CONCERNING THE MATTER OF CONTACTS OF STATE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE USSR AND THEIR PERSONNEL WITH ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERSONNEL OF FOREIGN STATES" (GAZETTE OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR, 1948, NO. 5) IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE USSR AND UNION REPUBLICS, CENTRAL ORGANS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR PERSONNEL MAY DIRECTLY CONTACT FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE DETERMINED BY THE LAWS OF THE USSR.

PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR N. PODGORNII.

SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR M. GEORGADZE.

MOSCOW, KREMLIN, 29 JUNE 1976. UNQUOTE.

3. MFA/PRESS CHIEF SOFINSKIY JOKINGLY TOLD EMBOFF JULY 21 THAT DECREE WOULD PUT HIM OUT OF WORK, BUT HE CLAIMED THAT IN REALITY THIS PROCEDURE ALREADY FOLLOWED BY MANY SOVIET OFFICIALS.

4. SEVERAL US CORRESPONDENTS, WHILE WELCOMING ANY SOVIET MOVES TO IMPROVE THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS, EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT DECREE WOULD NECESSARILY LEAD TO GREATER ACCESS OR TO MORE INFORMATION. MATLOCK

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